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WHITE HOUSE PASS PALM SPRINGS FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USINFO WASHDC INFO SECSTATE BANGKOK
HONG KONG SECDEF USUN NEW YORK FROM PHNOM PENH APR 7

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USINFO ALSO FOR VOA NEWSROOM, IOP/FW AND IEA
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SUBJ: KHMER SITUATIONER - APRIL 7, 1975

1. COMMUNIST PRESSURE ON THE DEFENSE PERIMETER AROUND
PHNOM PENH CONTINUES TO INCREASE. THE NORTHWEST DEFENSE
LINE REMAINS THE MOST SENSITIVE, TROUBLESOME AREA. THE
WESTERN PORTION OF THE NORTH DIKE LINE HAS BEEN PUSHED
BACK UNDER THE WEIGHT OF COMMUNIST PRESSURE. THIS PLACES
THE MOST FORWARD COMMUNIST POSITIONS APPROXIMATELY SIX
KELOMETERS NORTHWEST OF POCHENTONG AIRFIELD. GAPS
AND PENETRATION POINTS ARE REPORTED IN SOME AREAS OF THIS
DEFENSE LINE WHICH STRETCHES FROM ROUTE FIVE, NORTH OF
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THE CAPITAL, TO TUOL LEAP. SOUTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL MUCH OF

ROUTE 26, WHICH BISECTS ROUTE FOUR NORTH-TO-SOUTH,
IS IN ENEMY HANDS. HEAVY ATTACKS AGAINST KOMPONG SPEU
ARE ALSO REPORTED AND COMMUNIST FORCES HAVE PENETRATED TO
THE EDGE OF THE CITY'S MARKET PLACE. STEADY PRESSURE IS
ALSO NOTED NORTHEAST OF THE CAPITAL WITH THE EMPLACEMENT
OF ENEMY MORTARS REPORTED ALONG THE EAST BANK OF THE TONLE
SAP. THE AIRLIFT OF SUPPLIES TO THE CAPITAL WENT ON IN
SPITE OF TWENTY-THREE REPORTED 107 ROCKET ATTACKS ON
THE AIRFIELD. THERE WAS ONE 105 ROUND RECORDED AND FOUR
PERSONS KILLED IN THESE ATTACKS. A TOTAL OF FIFTY-FOUR
SORTIES INCLUDING AIR DROPS, WERE FLOWN YESTERDAY, APRIL 6.
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